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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED KOREAN QUESTION WITH KOREAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR JULY 11, WHO SAID HIS AMBASSADOR HAD RAISED QUESTION WITH SECRETARY ROMULO PREVIOUS DAY. ROMULO TOLD AMBASSADOR GOP WOULD SUPPORT DRAFT RESOLUTION AS IT HAD DONE LAST YEAR. ROMULO SAID HE COULD NOT RPT NOT REPLY TO REQUEST FOR GOP CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION UNTIL HE HAD SPOKEN TO PRESIDENT MARCOS. ROMULO PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH KOREAN AMBASSADOR WITHIN A FEW DAYS. KOREAN COUNSELOR SAYS HE BELIEVES GOP WILL SUPPORT RESOLUTION BUT WILL PROBABLY HOLD OFF ON CO-SPONSORSHIP DECISION UNTIL AFTER ROMULO ARRIVES IN NEW YORK. FYI: EMBOFF HAD IMPRESSION THAT KOREAN COUNSELOR WAS NOT HOPEFUL ABOUT GOP CO-SPONSORSHIP. END
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FYI.

2. EMBOFF ASKED KOREAN COUNSELOR WHETHER HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT CONCERTING WITH AMBASSADORS FROM CO-SPONSOR COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE HAD NOT.

3. JAPANESE EMBASSY TOLD POL COUNS JULY 10 IT HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY GUIDANCE ON ISSUE ALTHOUGH IT WAS AWARE OF NEW YORK DISCUSSIONS AND "PERHAPS FELT MORE STRONGLY THAN U.S. ON THE ISSUE." EMBASSY IS REQUESTING GUIDANCE (EMBASSY SAID SEVERAL AMBASSADORS INCLUDING ITS OWN WERE MEETING IN TOKYO MID-JULY TO DISCUSS INDOCHINA AND KOREA).

4. COMMENT: KOREAN AMBASSADOR SEEMS TO BE TAKING STRONG LEAD IN MANILA. DECISION ON CO-SPONSORSHIP, LIKE MOST IMPORTANT GOP FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS, WILL BE TAKEN BY PRESIDENT MARCOS HIMSELF. IN VIEW RELUCTANCE OF OTHER ASEAN CAPITALS TO CO-SPONSOR (KL 3995), MARCOS'S JULY 10 STATEMENT ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST STATES (WHICH GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS INTERPRETS AS INCLUDING DPRK), AND THRUST OF GOP FOREIGN POLICY IN LIGHT OF "NEW REALITIES" IN ASIA, WE ARE INCLINED TO DOUBT GOP WILL CO-SPONSOR ALTHOUGH AS THINGS LIK NOW, GOP WILL VOTE FOR RESOLUTION.
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